

Application No. 09/527,028

Docket No.: 20198-00053

REMARKS

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Status of Claims:

Claims 12 and 14-24 are pending in the application and are the subject of the accompanying APPEAL BRIEF. Each of the pending claims defines an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited art. Favorable consideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph:

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specifications in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 12 and 14-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112(1st) as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 12 was rejected as reciting "and the absence of nonionic detergents." Claims 14-24 were rejected as incorporating said recitation by depending from Claim 12. The Applicant specifically denies any lack of compliance with the written description requirement. However, in order to reduce issues for purposes of appeal, the applicant hereby amends Claim 12 to delete the recitation objected to.

Claim Informalities:

Claims 14-24 are informal because they depend from cancelled Claim 1. Claims 14-24 are hereby amended merely to have them depend from Claim 12. No new matter is believed to be introduced by these amendments.

Conclusion:

The present amendment introduces no new matter and merely reduces issues for appeal.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

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In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication, including any extension fees or fees for the net addition of claims, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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